

SSC Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2015

Called to order at 4:42 PM

In attendance: Jocelyn Kelleher, Kristen Wilson, Clare O'Brien, Pam Asuncion, Kira Lancaster, Vickie Srago, Tom O'Brien, Heather Santelle, Caroline Chumo, Naomi Bernstein

Heather motions to approve minutes from last meeting, Kira seconds, unanimous vote to approve minutes

Last meeting: technology worked for the most part, was effective when it was working - would be good to work out the kinks for future meetings

Look into other ways to use technology for meetings - Skype, Google Hangout, large microphone?

Safety Plan: Review School Site Safety Plan for 2016-2017

Members of School Site Committee/Team:

Principal/Leader: Joci Kelleher

Classified Staff: Kasey Kaufman and Anita Graffius

Parents with Students at School: Cesar Tarango Gina Lewis

Classified Employee: Kevin Augustine

Others: Todd interested in safety and involvement

Two goals for safety/climate:

1. Encourage high attendance rates: strategy 1: communicate attendance policies via kindergarten orientation and parent/teacher handbooks given at beginning of school year; office will contact families in a timely manner and teachers/principal will work with students at a chronic absence rate (we have less than 5% chronically absent - more than 3 days/year); absence whether excused or not
2. Increase student engagement and attachment to school and minimize bullying: strategy 1: use Crocker words of the month and Caring Schools Community strategy 2: use No Bullying program funded through OUSD
 - District has a "No Bullying" policy - we are required to have a plan of action in case it arises; acknowledgement that there is a safe and comfortable environment overall at Crocker

Other Major Components of School Site Safety Plan:

- Making sure we have disaster drills
- Staff members assigned roles for disaster events
- Directions for different situations: evacuation, lockdown
- Kids with special needs: Numbers given
- Names of after school program and teachers provided

Joci can send emergency text from computer; will look into phone options - - Kira can direct to names of companies, etc.

Suggestion: Have a few people know how so that it is doable and easy in an emergency

Opportunity provided for input from SSC regarding School Site Safety Plan

Caroline motions, Kristen seconds, unanimous vote to approve School Safety Plan

New Business:

Beautification Idea: Planter above amphitheater outside fourth grade classrooms - needs repair, on radar of Buildings and Ground

Thoughts: low water garden/drought-resistant plants (succulents, etc.) - - Joci/Clare will follow-up with Buildings and Ground about repairs needed

PTA has landscaping money

Solar shade proposal for yard: Extremely expensive because can't install anything that can fall over, all structures installed need California State Architects to be involved and engineer to oversee production/construction, etc.

Joci open to suggestions - needs to be run by the District because of liability, etc.

During lunch time, majority of students eating in shade when eating outside

Perimeter/Front Door/Gates - ways to encourage volunteers to wear badge and to keep a lookout for people not wearing a badge

Important to keep gates shut - post sign as reminder on gates; Joci will check with district

Upcoming Meetings:

Lunch benches: children can fall backwards - especially young children; not enough elbow room or space for children; can look into getting more benches

Sexuality Education - Netherlands K-12; curriculum geared toward different grades and ages; discusses equality, respect, how to react in different situations, etc.; doing it for hundreds of years

Article will be forwarded from Heather; Joci discussed "Out for Safe Schools" - curriculum from that will come to Crocker in January to staff so that staff can work with students
Parent Resources/Parent Information Night

Article about "Not Being a Math Person": HOW kids see themselves/their abilities has more of an effect on students' performance than students' actual aptitude

Next Meeting: January 19, 2016

Meeting Adjourned at 5:49 PM